



**City of Clayton  
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, September 12, 2011  
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton  
Meeting Room C**

----- Agenda Topics -----		
Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Mimi Deem	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Mimi Deem	
3. Platform Tennis	Mimi Deem	
4. Director's Report -project update -programming update	Patty DeForrest	
5. Old Business/New Business	Mimi Deem	

**Attachments:**

Minutes – July 2011  
September Events

**Notes:**

Next Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2011

**CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, July 11, 2011**

**The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C**

**The following members were present:**

Ira Berkowitz	Michelle Harris
Mimi Deem	Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Rosemary Hardy	Eric Schneider

**Excused/Absent:**

Marguerite Garrick	Brad Bernstein
Jessie Hoagland	Omri Praiss

*Also present:*

Eric Gruenenfelder  
Elizabeth Hickox  
Tim Hohenstein

**Meeting Begins:** 7:10pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Due to the lack of quorum the approval of last months' meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

**Shaw Park Ice Rink Report:** Ms. Hickox and Mr. Hohenstein presented the FY11 report. The Commission was informed that all of the numbers are based on the ice rink closing two weeks early due to warm weather conditions. It was explained that maintenance expenditures, previously included in the capital budget, were included in the operating budget. It was mentioned that the upcoming season will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ice rink. Commissioners suggested ways to improve the ice rink for the 2011-2012 season.

**Platform Tennis:** The decision was made to table a discussion on Platform Tennis.

**Director's Report**

**Shaw Park Aquatics Center:** Mr. Gruenenfelder updated the Commission on the outstanding year that the Shaw Park Aquatic Center is having up to this point. So far there have been 1,532 season passes sold. There have been many successful events including the World Largest Swim Lesson and the Green Power Plunge.

**Shaw Park Tennis Center:** Mr. Gruenenfelder informed the Commission that programming is currently slow. There is not a definite answer to the trend of slow registration but the staff is working hard with the United States Tennis Association to increase programming.

**Hanley House:** Mr. Gruenenfelder relayed to the Commission that the Herb Tour is the next event at the Hanley House. It was explained that the new Hanley Park Pavilion has been approved by the Architectural Review Board and will go out to bid at the end of the month.

**The Center:** Mr. Gruenenfelder told the Commission that basketball Courts #1 and #2 are quickly being repaired. It was mentioned that The Center will be closed to finish the wood courts starting Friday, July 15 at 12:00pm and will reopen Sunday, July 17 at 7:00am. Both gyms are scheduled to open on July 25.

**Shaw Park:** Mr. Gruenenfelder informed the Commission that the Parks staff is working on keeping everything watered due to the excessive heat. The Parks staff is also providing support for the City's events.

**Events:** Mr. Gruenfelder updated the Commission that July is now National Parks Month in Clayton. The Parks and Recreation department is participating in NRPA's 5 in July program. This Sunday's event is free admission to The Center of Clayton. At the end of the month there will be a photo scavenger hunt.

**Dog Parks Survey:** Mr. Gruenfelder explained to the Commission that the edits to the survey have been sent to the consultant. Ms. DeForrest will review the updated survey and the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft from the consulting firm. It is anticipated that Ms. DeForrest will review the updated draft of the survey in the next couple of weeks.

**Projects:** Mr. Gruenfelder informed the Commission that there are three FY11 projects that are not complete at this time: the parking lot at Oak Knoll Park, the monument sign for Shaw Park and the new interpretative signage for various sites. The following projects are scheduled to be completed in FY 12 and FY13: walking trail in Shaw Park, new tennis courts, renovations of Fields #3 and #4 in Shaw Park, painting the dive tank at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center, replacement of the back porch at Hanley House, tuckpointing at Hanley House and the replacement of the windows at Hanley House. Ms. Harris informed the Commission that a selection committee is currently deciding on a new art piece for Shaw Park between the ice rink and swimming pool.

#### **New Business/Old Business**

Ms. Deem addressed the Commission saying the trend of starting meetings late needs to be addressed. It was discussed that a response regarding meeting attendance needs to be communicated to Ms. Ucinski in a timely matter.

Ms. Harris addressed the Commission saying that there is an effort to repopulate the City's boards and commissions. A discussion was held about adding another member to Parks and Recreation Commission who is a non-Clayton resident and part of the corporate community. This would add a new point of view to the Commission.

Mr. Gruenfelder stated that he would provide the percentage of corporate daily admissions and pass holders for both the Shaw Park Aquatic Center and Tennis Center at next month's meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15pm



### **City of Clayton's September Special Events**

**Saturdays, September 3 through November 5 – Clayton Farmers' Market:** The market is located on Straub's parking lot and is open from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. In its 11th year, the Clayton Farmers' Market promotes locally produced foods and regionally branded products. It features organic items and unique, seasonal specialties, and tips on how to prepare local, seasonal food.

**Friday, September 9 through Sunday, September 11 - Saint Louis Art Fair:** The St. Louis Art Fair takes place in downtown Clayton all weekend and will feature beautiful artwork from around the country.

**Wednesday, September 14 - Parties in the Park:** Parties in the Park, the original outdoor after-work party, moved to Downtown Clayton on Meramec between Forsyth & Maryland in 2011. Parties are held on the second Wednesday of each month, May – September, from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm. *FatPocket* will be playing at the September Parties in the Park.

**Saturday, September 17 – Society for the Blind Family Festival:** To celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired will host a Family Festival in Shaw Park on September 17. Shaw Park was selected to provide families with visually impaired children the opportunity to visit the Inclusion Playground, and because Clayton will be recognized for pedestrian improvements in downtown Clayton, i.e., the installation of accessible crossings for handicapped and visually impaired persons. The St. Louis Cardinals and Cardinals Care are assisting with the event which will include magicians, games, sports activities, music, food and drink. The day will kick off with the painting of a Metro bus on the south lot and a "Safari" trailer with taxidermy animals for the blind to touch.

**Friday, September 23 - Full Moon Flashlight Tour:** Grab your flashlight for a unique tour of the oldest house in Clayton. The tour begins at 7:00 pm. The full moon will help illuminate this farmstead built in 1855. Hanley House interpreters will share family stories and S'mores around a campfire. Sign up early and receive an advanced list for a special scavenger hunt in the Hanley House. Please bring your own flashlight. The cost is \$5.00 for resident and \$7.00 for non-residents.

**Sunday, September 25 - Musical Nights at Oak Knoll:** Enjoy great music by the pond from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Bring blankets & snacks and take time to relax with family and friends. The band performing this month is *The Hulapoppers*.